WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

New Jap Activity in Australian Sector Threatens Entire Allied Pacific Front; United Nations Mastery of Air, Sea Brings African Campaign to Climax

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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General Montgomery, leader of the victorious British Eighth army, inspects the weapons native to some of the fiercest fighters in his army. The men are Gurkhas from India. The weapon, the curving khukri which has been used effectively in hand-to-hand clashes. The weapon may never be unsheathed without blood being drawn.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
Something in the Air

Indicative of an impending large scale move, in line with warnings of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Japanese airmen continued their bombing campaign against Allied Southwest Pacific strongholds in the New Guinea area.

One hundred Jap planes attacked the important Allied supply base of Port Moresby, with 50 bombers protected by an equal number of fighters. Allied airmen arose to challenge the enemy and they were aided by heavy anti-aircraft fire.

In all, 37 Jap planes fell in flames, 29 in dog-fights and eight from accurate ack-ack.

Jap losses at Port Moresby raised to 76 the number of planes lost in two days.

Coming from down under, Australian Minister for External Affairs Dr. Herbert Evatt has come up with a plea for increased help to Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific.

Dr. Evatt's plea coincided with a warning from the Allies' two top Southwest Pacific commanders, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Lieutenant General Blamey, that the Japs were massing planes and men north of Australia. General MacArthur said the enemy was seeking to re-establish his air superiority while Lieut. Gen. Blamey warned that the Japs had concentrated 200,000 men to capitalize on aerial advantage.

RUSSIA:
Lull Before Storm

The lull continued before the storm in Russia.

Both sides reported minor action. The Reds claimed to have thrown back small waves of German infantry that tried to run over Russian positions on the Volkhov river southeast of Leningrad.

The Reds also announced that artillery and machine gun fire was concentrated on German positions before Smolensk as part of a plan to reduce the outer defenses of the Nazi bastion.

For themselves, the Germans reported continued secondary action along the west bank of the Donets river below Kharkov. Here, they said, artillery fire raked the entrenched Russian forces. Neither side claimed major advances.

RUML PLAN:
Doughton Unforgiving

Pay-as-you-go but no forgiveness on taxes!

Doughty old Robert Doughton stood up in the house and told members pressing for reconsideration of the Ruml plan that his Ways and Means committee favored deducting 20 per cent from weekly payrolls but letting the question of forgiving any taxes go till study of a new tax bill.

Although backed by leaders of the majority party, Doughton failed to still opposition. Representative Joseph Martin served notice he would continue efforts to bring the Ruml plan back to the floor for further discussion.

With no tax forgiveness, the 20 per cent payroll deduction undoubtedly would apply to current taxes, with remaining payments on 1942 taxes being additional.

TUNISIA:
'Fox' in Corner

Ending one of the longest retreats in military history, Marshal Rommel's Axis Africa Korps hammered in its stakes in the triangular defense zone of northeastern Tunisia.

All around, Allied forces under supreme command of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower drew up for the final phase of the battle of North Africa. To the west stood the British First army; to the southwest, mixed Allied forces of French and American, and to the south the redoubtable British Eighth army, which had chased Rommel all the way in from Egypt.

Allied leaders estimated that the Axis had 210,000 men in the triangle, although reports reaching London from Switzerland stated that Italian troops were being pulled out of the box and sent to Sicily. Against this force the Allied leaders had almost a million men to hurl, besides enjoying numerical superiority in the air.

Jagged ridges and gulches distinguish the position Rommel has chosen for a last stand.

DRAFT:
You'll Be in the Army

With few exceptions, all physically able men between 18 and 37 years of age will be in the army by 1944!

So says Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner, within whose office falls the National Selective Service board. Several months ago, McNutt announced that only employment in essential industry, and not dependency, would be basis for deferment.

Now, the Selective Service board has made it official. Heads of homes, childless married men, and married men with children will be called up for service unless they work in jobs deemed essential to the war effort. Exceptions will be made only if induction threatens to work hardship on a wife, child or parent.

To help solve the farm labor problem, broad exemption was given agricultural workers. The 3-C class will defer men engaged in farm labor while 3-C will exempt men with dependents in agriculture.

RECIPROCAL TRADE:
Show We Mean Business

Under fire of congressmen who expressed fear that the administration's reciprocal trade treaties tend toward a reduction in American living standards, Secretary of State Cordell Hull urged their renewal as a sign that the United States will promote a free development of commerce after the war.

Furthermore, Mr. declared, renewal of the reciprocal trade treaties will place America industry in a position to bid for world trade after peace has closed many factories now working at capacity.

Under the present Reciprocal Trade act which expires June 12, the President is allowed to enter into agreements with foreign countries calling for mutual reductions in tariffs on different commodities for periods of three years. Opponents of the act would limit the life of these pacts to less than three years.

WAGES:
Hold-the-Line

Accepting President Roosevelt's exhortation that the War Labor board will "hold the line."

In a unanimous decision, the WLB refused to grant cement workers a wage increase which would have brought their earnings up to the same level prevailing in other plants of the same company.

However, the workers were allowed a small boost—in line with the WLB's "Little Steel formula," which permits a general increase of 15 per cent in wages over those of January 1, 1941, as an offset for rise in living costs since then.

In its decision, WLB said that the President's order freezing wages allowed for increases only within the "Little Steel formula" or in cases where wages would remain substandard even after such an increase. Consequently, WLB said, it was powerless under the order to grant boosts merely on grounds of equalizing wages throughout certain industries.

The WLB's action will affect some 10,000 cases before it. Regional branches were instructed to immediately make studies within their districts of sub-standard conditions.

In a midwest regional war labor board the chairman said that approximately 2,500 of the 3,000 cases on file would be affected by the national board's order, which is being observed in the "literal meaning."

FREIGHT:
ICC Uses Ax

Heeding the OPA's plea that freight rate increases averaging 4½ per cent were inflationary, the Interstate Commerce commission voted to cancel the increases. A 10 per cent boost in passenger fares was allowed to stand.

Put into effect last year, the increases brought Class 1 carriers $308,997,000 in additional revenue. Of this amount, $226,445,000 was derived from freight; the rest, or $78,387,000, from passengers.

OPA had argued that the increases had resulted in higher costs to manufacturers and distributors, causing a serious strain against price ceilings. The reductions may bring cuts in the cost of many goods, OPA said.

The Interstate Commerce commission allowed the 10 per cent passenger increase for two reasons: (1) Passenger fares have not reflected costs, and (2) reduction in fares might now lead to greater use of passenger trains.

At the time the increases went into effect, railroads argued additional revenue was needed to meet the extra costs imposed by wage boosts to workers. These boosts were estimated to approximate $389,000,000. The Interstate Commerce commission felt that railroads were able to meet these extra costs out of increased revenues derived from war traffic.

BONDS:
To Shackle Axis

"The job of financing this war, like the job of producing weapons, is of such magnitude that it is necessary to enlist the support of the entire citizenry."

With these words, Jay N. Whipple, chairman of metropolitan Chicago's April War Bond committee, got the great war bond drive under way in his district. Within one day, residents of Cook, Lake and DuPage counties subscribed for $115,000,000 of treasury securities, one-third of their goal.

Response throughout the country was similarly enthusiastic. Indications were that the national goal of 13 billion dollars would be as readily

SECRETARY MORGENTHAU
Government will borrow 70 billion.

met as last December's, when 9 billion dollars was called for and 13 billion dollars actually was raised.

Speaking in New York on the opening day of the bond drive, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau said the government will have to borrow 70 billion dollars this year, in addition to taxes. The Treasury expects to obtain 25 billion dollars from individuals, most with in the income range from $1,000 to $5,000. Banks and insurance companies are to furnish 35 billion dollars.

PAN-AMERICANISM:
Blueprint for Future?

There was a new note in the celebrations that marked this year's Pan-American day as the 21 Western hemisphere republics took time out from vital war work to project a possible international relationship pattern when peace comes. This note indicated that the Pan-American Union, founded half a century ago, might become the blueprint for drawing up agreements which eventually lead to peaceful dealings

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

HE-MEN: Noting that officers and enlisted men were losing too much time entering and leaving elevators, Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand of the Sixth Service command ordered that hereafter they stop giving preference to women entering or leaving elevators, but shift around so officers and men leave elevators according to rank, and taking off hats in elevators.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS: The senate judiciary committee has approved a resolution for a constitutional amendment giving women equal rights throughout the United States.

FALSE ALARM: Appealing for recruits for the reserve army, a Toronto radio station broadcast an alleged report that Japs had landed in British Columbia. The broadcast threw the Toronto area into a fine

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JOSEPH MONROE GARRETTE

Joseph Monroe Garrette died at his home April 16, after an illness of several months. He was born in this county, January 22, 1911, son of Mrs. Mollie Bagby Garrette and the late Mr. Monroe Lumsden Garrette. He was a member of the Mt. Comfort Methodist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Lyle Garrette, Mitchell Garrette, Garland Garrette, Mrs. Geo. Hansen, Miss Christine Garrette and Miss Alice Garrette.

Funeral services were held 3 o'clock today afternoon from the Mt. Comfort church, with interment in the church cemetery.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Rocks

Rocks, April 20.- C. S. Ranson, of Petersburg spent last week here with his wife and son.

Mrs. L. K. Almond spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. B. D. Dickerson, who continues ill at her home.

Mrs. L. E. Dickerson went to see the doctor Monday.

The following from Rocks attended the association at Evergreen Baptist Church Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson, Mrs. S. C. Ranson, Cassie and A. A. Billwin.

Mrs. Richard Inge, of Spout Spring spent the week-end with Mrs. D. R. Inge, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woolridge, of near Evergreen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bomar, of near Brookneal called to see her sister, Mrs. Hudson Dickerson Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. P. H. McPhillips and daughter, Margaret Ann spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse.

William Carrol Ranson has the mumps.

Miss Ethel Garrett spent Friday night with Mrs. Richard Inge in the home of Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Nelson Garrett, of the U. S. Navy spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. William Terry and baby, are living on the A. T. Anderson place.

Quite a number called to see J. H. Ranson last week. He is ill at his home.

Jim Jennings, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his brother, R. L. Jennings and they both attended the preaching service at Rocks Sunday morning.

Miss Annie C. Martin spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. C. S. Martin.

At the B. T. U. rally at Spout Spring recently, the B. T. U. at Rocks received two banners. One for the Seniors and one for the Juniors. Miss Isabell Ranson is the president and Mrs. Toby Inge leader for the Juniors.

Bethany

Bethany, April 20.- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore, of Charlotte Court House visited Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore, of Charlotte C. H., Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson of Lynchburg, Mrs. Mott Harvey and Jesse, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette, Carolyn and Phyllis Paulette visited Wilson Paulette on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Curtis Paulette, Miss Martha Harvey, and Pfc. Otis Allen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Meade Crews, of Nathalie.

Emmitt and Carolyn Paulette visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette, of Prospect Sunday morning.

Miss Thalia Harvey, of Lynchburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey over the week-end.

Hixburg

Hixburg, April 20.- The April W. M. U. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wilson Hix Thursday afternoon, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ford are able to be out again after having flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin and children and Miss Laverne Foster spent Sunday with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Sallie C. Adams, of Farmville.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. H. M. Marshall and son were visitors in Lynchburg Wednesday.

Mrs. Nelson Hix and daughter spent Friday night in the home of J. R. Marshall and Saturday and Sunday with her parents. She returned to her home in Lynchburg Sunday with her husband.

Miss Gertrude Sears, of Harrisonburg spent the week-end at her home here. Saturday she and Mrs. Sears called in the home of Mrs. H. M. Marshall.

William Carson went to Washington Saturday for his examination preparatory to entering the Navy soon.

Mrs. Rob Martin spent Saturday with Mrs. E. C. Rogers, of Appomattox.

Officers elected last night at the conservation center meeting were as follows: president, Mrs. E. M. Sears; secretary, Mrs. R. E. Ford; janitor, Ed McPhillips.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE
OF VALUABLE HOME AND LOTS AT PAMPLIN, VIRGINIA
AND FARM IN
CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Pursuant to Decree entered by the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia, at its April Term, 1943, in the Chancery cause of Walker F. Martin, Vs. James Carey Martin et als, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash on the premises at Pamplin, Virginia, at

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M. ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1943

1.— A three certain lots No. 8 and 8-A of the Thornton Sub-Division with the residence located thereon in the Town of Pamplin, Va. and four other unimproved lots designated as lots 6 and 6-A, 7 and 7-A of said sub-division in the Town of Pamplin, Va.

2.— A parcel of 14.3 acres in Clover Hill Magisterial District adjacent to the Town of Pamplin, Virginia, and adjoining the above lots and the lands of R. R. Davis, Frank Ellis Estate and others.

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The undersigned will also sell for cash at public auction on the premises in Charlotte County, Virginia, at

12:30 P. M. ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1943

the following property

All of that certain tract or parcel of Real Estate lying and being in Madison District of Charlotte County, Virginia, about one-half mile from Horsepen Mill and about four miles South of Pamplin, Virginia, containing 268 acres, more or less, this being a sale by the gross and not by the acre, adjoining the lands of Thomas Young, Fen Marshall, Luther Davis, lands formerly owned by George Young, the Old Beale Tract and Josiah Lindley and being the P. H. Estes and Ella V. Estes Tract or real estate, with all buildings thereon.

The above land is a splendid 7-RM with good buildings thereon and located on Horsepen Creek and well watered and has new fences.

For further details of any of the above property see P. H. Estes at Pamplin or the undersigned at Farmville or Appomattox, Va.

Robt. K. Breck
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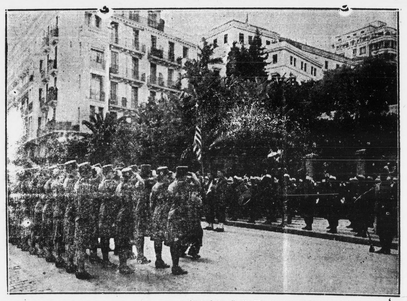

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WAACS IN NORTH AFRICA—Allied unity was displayed recently in Algiers, North Africa, when American, British and Fighting French troops staged a Tri-Nations parade. A contingent of American Women's Army Auxiliary Corps members, the first to arrive in Africa, proved to be the feature attraction. Here the WAACS salute the National Colors while a Fighting French military band plays "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Nazi radio, in an excess of modesty, says it prefers the word 'abidemen' to the bunter phrase, 'Uebermensch of Europe,' as description of the Mediterranean shores of the Continent.

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Keep meat and poultry in your coldest storage place.. 45 degrees or lower.

Cool meat broth rapidly, keep cold, use soon.

Keep cooked meat covered. Chopped and sliced cooked meats spoil more quickly than meat in a piece. Cut or chop just before using.

Keep uncooked, well-cured meat in a dark, cool, dry, airy place. Leave wrapping on ham, bacon and other cured meat until ready to cook.

Use suds and sune on all milk containers. Scald often.

No single food is as important in the diet as milk. Buy milk in quantities large enough to meet the needs of your family and keep it in the best possible condition until used.

Milk and egg dishes are good, but not good easily. Custards, cream pies; puddings, etc. are not eaten at once, cool them quickly, cover, and keep very cold.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 19.- Miss Margaret Stratton, of Lynchburg College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

Miss Lizzie Rice, of Richmond, Mrs. John D. Ripley Jr., of Texas, and Mrs. John Smith, of Boise, Idaho, are spending this week with Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Thomas Jennings, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C Moore and baby spent Sunday with relatives at Gladys.

Miss Mattie Wright, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her father, T. B. Wright.

Mrs. A. A. Babcock and children, of Appomattox, visited her mother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs, Sunday.

Miss Mary West, of Spout Spring and Miss Edith West, of Richmond visited friends here over the week-end.

Misses Louise Carson and Rachel Chick of Phillips Secretarial College, Lynchburg, spent the week-end at their homes here.

James Austin, of Appomattox, spent the week-ed with Bobby Gunter.

Clayton Drinkard Jr., of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard.

Miss Margaret L. Stratton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stratton.

Mrs. Bill Seay, of Lynchburg visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Bernard Gibson spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Elliott Nash, who has been ill.

Miss Nadine Burnette, of Madison College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette.

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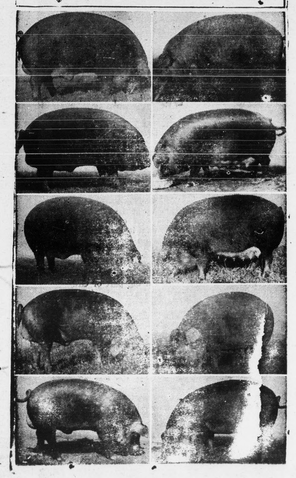

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3 REASONS
Why Your Refrigerator Should Be Treated Right!

1. PRESERVES FOOD

Food rationing, less deliveries, the patriotic duty to use all left-overs—all make the refrigerator do a bigger job in wartime than ever. Milk, for example, which used to be delivered *every day* now is delivered *every other day*. In most families that means more milk stored. The same is true of vegetables, meats and other perishable foods. You should learn how the various foods should be stored.

2. PROTECTS HEALTH

Good health and good food go together. The refrigerator will keep foods wholesome provided the temperature is right—from 40° to 60°. But certain bacteria *can* gather and live at such temperatures. It is wise, therefore, to wash the interior—shelves, trays, walls—at least once each month, using cool water to which is added one teaspoonful of ordinary Baking Soda. Defrost once-a-week.

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